



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE March 1, 2012

CTE Spring Data Collection Now OPEN

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection began March 1, 2012 and ends April 27, 2012. High Schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2011-12 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator. CTE Concentrators are high school seniors (grade 12 only) who have earned three (3) or more courses or credits in any CTE area of concentration. Courses that students are currently enrolled in may count toward credits earned. Students meeting the definition for identification as CTE Concentrators must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM system. If the student has a child or shares parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link: http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6. Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 or opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at (406) 444-9019 or dfiedler@mt.gov.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

The busier time is here for Agriculture Programs, with conventions, CDE's, and and and... We are at a record-high 83 Ag Programs, with the addition of new programs in Cut Bank and Victor.

Many of the programs received their Advancing Ag Education Funds (\$1,500 or \$7,500) on February 14th. Those schools who did not receive the funds still need to submit to me the forms ASAP (available on METNET).

FFA

The eight state FFA officers have been very busy getting ready for their 82nd annual State FFA Convention. There will be about 1,500 members and guests attending the event March 28-31 on the campus of Montana State University.

Bruce Vincent, a highly motivational speaker and the founder of the nationally acclaimed Provider Pals program will get the convention off to a good start on Wednesday evening. Alicia Hodnik, National FFA Central Region VP, will be on hand as well as Senator Taylor Brown and Jim Sargent (KMON radio). A "Day of Service" will be conducted on Thursday with attendee's helping out in the Bozeman community. Also, the Collegiate FFA at MSU will provide Career Development Events in parliamentary procedure, creed speaking, prepared public speaking, extemporaneous speaking, agricultural sales, ag mechanics, agronomy, farm business management, and livestock judging. The convention adjourns on Saturday morning with the announcement of the 2012-13 state officer team.

The officers have completed three video productions for use at the convention and will spend their entire spring break at MSU practicing for the convention sessions. **FFA information submitted by Bill Jimmerson, Montana FFA Association, Phone: 406.994.7050; e-mail: bjimmerson@metnet.mt.gov.**

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Business Education

Belt High School Business Educator & Student Featured in National Publication

Belt High School business teacher and Belt DECA chapter advisor Mr. Keith Hoyer and one of Belt High School's seniors, are featured in the February edition of the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations newsletter *Aspirations in Action*.

Their contributions to this month's newsletter can be read in "An Educator Speaks Out" and "Student Voice." A copy of the newsletter can be downloaded at <http://www.qisa.org/admin/newsletterView?id=3957>. Please feel free to pass this newsletter along either electronically or in hard copy.

The Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and putting into practice the conditions that foster student aspirations in schools and learning communities around the world. To learn more about the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations please visit www.qisa.org.

Congratulations Keith and Danielle.

Montana Business Educators Attend Western Region Conference

A dozen of Montana's Business Education professionals attended the 2012 Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Conference in Newport Beach, California, over the President's Day Weekend, February 16-19. They joined over 200 other business and marketing education professionals from the western United States and Canada.

There were many great workshops presented, including a computer workshop by Sidney High School business educator & BPA chapter advisor Elaine Stedman entitled "Advanced Microsoft Office 2012" and a breakout session by Julie Hanson, business educator & BPA chapter advisor from White Sulphur Springs High School, entitled "Top Secret Photoshop Ideas."

In addition to workshops, Doug Andersen (Park City) and Elaine Stedman participated in the 2012 Professional Development Institute. The Professional Development Institute encourages new or veteran teachers who had not previously been involved in their professional associations to gain the skills and confidence to accept offices and committee assignments in their States/Territories/Provinces. Having a registration fee paid has also provided financial support for those teachers who do not have the support of their districts or colleges. The agenda includes leadership qualities, communication styles, organizational structures of the regional and national Executive Boards, Programs of Work, Bylaws, team building, goal setting, meeting management, convention planning, personal visits from regional and national officers, etc.

Three Montana business educators represented Montana and the Montana Business Education Association on the WBEA Board including Janie McFarland of Conrad as the WBEA Secretary and Scott Anderson (Baker) as the Montana Business Education Association's President and Elaine Stedman (Sidney) as the Montana Business Education Association's President Elect.

During the Western Business Education Association Award Banquet, Montana Business Education Association Membership Director Linda Cotton (Cascade) was awarded the Robert J. Thompson WBEA Membership Award. This award is presented to the a membership director who has achieved, or surpassed, the membership goal set by the National Business Education Association for their State/Territory/Province. In addition to Linda being presented with this award, the Montana Business Education Association also receives \$50.00 to help support



membership recruitment efforts. Congratulations Linda and all the Montana members of the National Business Education Association.

Other Montana business educators attending the 2012 WBEA Conference included Kerri Cobb (Bozeman), Brian Fogerty (Frenchtown), Terri Norman (Helena Capital), Julie O'Dell (Hardin), Hailey Selch (Helena Capital), Eric Swenson (Business Education Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction), Tina Wheeler (Thompson Falls), and Regina Wood (Park High School, Livingston).

Business Professionals of America

BPA Selected for President's Volunteer Service Award

We are proud to announce that Business Professionals of America has been selected and approved as an official Certifying Organization for the [President's Volunteer Service Award](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/) (<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>). The President's Volunteer Service Award is a national award created from the White House. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard—measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

Business Professionals of America members are now eligible for this award and can be approved for it via Business Professionals of America as their Certifying Organization. Members can begin their pursuit of the award by [tracking their volunteer hours](#) online. The hours do not have to be only for volunteer work in support of BPA; they can be for a wide range of projects and service. BPA members who qualify for this prestigious award will be recognized with an official label pin, a certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the president.

Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate Certification Exams to be Delivered at BPA National Leadership Conference

Business Professionals of America in partnership with Certiport will be offer participants of the National Leadership Conference an opportunity to gain certifications in Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate during the 2012 National Leadership Conference.

The Certification Lab will be available April 25, 26, and 27 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown for registered members of the 2012 National Leadership Conference. Participants must register online via the online conference registration system (www.registtermynchapter.com/bpamem). Registration will open online February 24, 2012 and close April 1, 2012.

Participants may test in as many areas as available. **Certification Exams will be offered for \$5.00.**

The following certifications will be offered:

Microsoft Office Specialist 2010

- MOS 2010-Word Core
- MOS 2010-Excel Core
- MOS 2010-PowerPoint

Microsoft Technology Associate

- MTA Networking Fundamentals
- MTA Security Fundamentals
- MTA Software Development Fundamentals
- MTA Web Development Fundamentals
- MTA HTML 5 Development Fundamentals



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The top participants will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and the top 3 overall participants in **Microsoft Word 2010, Excel 2010 and PowerPoint 2010** will receive an automatic bid to Certiport's 2012 Worldwide Competition on Microsoft Office to be held July 29-August 1 in Las Vegas, NV. Each participant advancing to the Worldwide Competition will receive a \$500.00 travel stipend supported by BPA.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA recently concluded the 2012 Montana DECA State Conference. This year the conference had nearly 300 students from 10 chapters across Montana. Students competed in events in finance, marketing, sports and entertainment and hospitality and tourism; just to name a few. We have nearly 140 students who qualified for the national conference in Salt Lake City, UT at the end of April.

Montana DECA will now start gearing up to accept State Officer Applications for the 2012-2013 year. Officers are chosen after completing a 10 page application. The State Officers will help in planning the 2013 State Conference and will also assist in corporate sponsor recruitment and retention of DECA members. **Montana DECA information submitted by Montana DECA State Advisor, Erin Weisgerber. E-mail: erinweisgerber@yahoo.com.**

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No update at this time.

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Health Sciences Education

Montana HOSA

State Leadership Conference

The Montana HOSA State Officers and State Advisor are busy planning the State Leadership Conference which will take place in Helena March 22 – 24, 2012. Our students will compete in over 30 healthcare related competitive events such as Medical Spelling, Dental Science, Sports Medicine, Biotechnology, CPR/First Aid, Extemporaneous Writing, Medical Photography, Career Health Display, Forensic Medicine, etc. A series of 12 educational symposiums have been set up for our students at Shodair Children's Hospital, Nash Spine & Joint Rehab, Sound Health Imaging, Comprehensive Hearing Services, South Hills Pharmacy, Big Sky Care Center,



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Mountain View Eye Care, Sean Melton DDS, St. Peter's Hospital Laboratory, St. Peter's Hospital OB, St. Peter's Hospital Ambulance, and St. Peter's Hospital Diagnostic Imaging. The Conference will wrap-up on Saturday morning, March 24th with a Breakfast Awards Banquet featuring keynote speaker - Attorney General and Gubernatorial Candidate, Steve Bullock! We are excited for this upcoming conference!

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No update at this time.

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